State	2003-04	2004-05	2005-06
Tamil Nadu	2401.69	2816.935	1659.958
Uttar Pradesh	1498.13*	1456.685	1467.420
Uttaranchal	473.36	1126.485	2643.835
West Bengal	243.00	243.00	3387.680
TOTAL:	29480.00	29999.99	35298.000

Amendment to Land Acquisition Act, 1894

2847. SHRI JAYANTILAL BAROT:
SHRI SURYAKANT BHAI ACHARYA:

Will the Minister of RURAL DEVELOPMENT be pleased to state:

(a) whether there is any proposal to amend the Land Acquisition Act, 1894;

(b) if so, by when the proposed amendment Bill in this regard is likely to be introduced in Parliament;

(c) what objective would be achieved by amendment;

(d) whether State Governments have been asked for their comments or suggestions on the proposed amendment; and

(e) if so, whether any State Government has opposed the proposal of Government to delete Sections 38-44?

THE MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF RURAL DEVELOPMENT (SHRIMATI SURYAKANTA PATIL): (a) to (e) A proposed draft of the Land Acquisition their views on some proposed amendments of the Land Acquisition Act, 1894 to make the acquisition process time-bound and effective. Responses of all State Governments have not been received. Accordingly, these proposals have not been finalized. It is, therefore, not possible to set out a time limit by which the amendment Bill is likely to be introduced in the Parliament.

Selection Procedure of Schemes under NFWP

†2848. SHRI MANGANI LAL MANDAL: Will the Minister of RURAL DEVELOPMENT be pleased to state:

(a) Since when the National Food for Work Programme (NFWP) is being implemented in Bihar;

† Original notice of the question was received in Hindi.

(b) the details regarding the selection procedure of the schemes;

(c) whether it is a fact that serious irregularities are being committed in the selection and implementation of N.F.W.P.;

(d) whether it is a fact that generation of assets through this programme does not become stable; and

(e) if so, the details in this regard and the reaction of the Government thereto?

THE MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF RURAL DEVELOPMENT (SHRIMATI SURYAKANTA PATIL): (a) National Food for Work Programme (NFWP) was launched in November, 2004 in identified 150 most backward districts of the country including the 15 districts of Bihar.

(b) The focus of the programme was on water conservation and drought proofing including afforestation, land development, flood control/ protection measures (including drainage in water logged areas) and rural connectivity in the given order of priority. These works were to be identified based on the felt need of the area in consultation with Panchayati Raj institutions concerned and local MP and MLAs. The works so identified may be arranged into shelves of works Blockwise and Gram Panchayat wise. The selection of works at Gram Panchayat level will follow priority activity wise as mentioned above and within the activity on the basis of local urgency and technical requirement.

(c) 13 complaints of irregularities have been received regarding implementation of NFWP in Bihar. The State Government has been requested to take corrective action and submit Action Taken Report in the matter to the Ministry.

The programme guidelines provide for constitution of vigilance committees of the local villagers to be formed to oversee the progress and quality of work during implementation. The States hae been impressed to ensure compliance of this provision before the start of every work.

(d) and (e) Programme Guidelines allow 40% expenditure on material content so that durable assets can be created.